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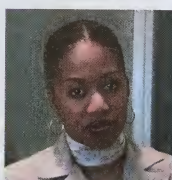
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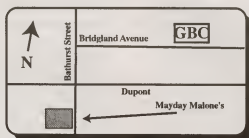
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By Alex Bustos OTTAWA (CUP)

**f**inance Minister Paul Martin didn't win the support of student leaders Tuesday with his 1999 federal budget, which injects billions of dollars into health care but includes

no new money for education.

The heads of Canada's two largest student groups declared the minister's fiscal plan a failure, saying the federal Liberals had neglected post-secondary education.

"This budget has absolutely nothing in it to reduce student debt," said Elizabeth Carlyle, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "It does nothing to stem the tide of rising tuition across the country."

The budget lays out a total of \$19 billion in new spending over six years, the vast majority directed toward health care.

Over the next five years, the federal government will put \$11.5 billion into transfer payments to the provinces for health care.

Ottawa will give the provinces \$3.5 billion right away to help solve immediate problems in the strained health-care system, and pump \$14.5 billion into provincial transfer payments in 1999-2000, up from this year's \$12.5 billion. The payments will then rise to \$15 billion a year for three years beginning in 2001-2002.

The money is part of the Canada Health and Social Transfer, which the Liberals' slashed earlier in their mandate, cutting \$7 billion from transfers to education, health care and social programs. Also announced in Tuesday's budget is \$1.35 billion over three years for other health-care projects, ranging from preventive disease programs to research and innovation.

Martin's so-called health and wealth budget introduced several tax cuts as well, including eliminating the 3 percent surtax and increasing the basic personal tax exemption to \$675 for all taxpayers.

An additional \$300 million is allocated

to the Canada Child Tax Benefit to increase payments to low- and middle-income earners.

The government's economic plan didn't impress Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. He said the country's colleges and universities are also in need of a funding boost.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance alone in universities across this country that are not being met," he said. "The only thing that is going to save our (post-secondary) institutions is a core funding increase."

Both Harrison and Carlyle criticized the budget for failing to address key student concerns. Although tuition fees increased by 45 per cent between 1993 and 1997 and the average student debt load reached \$25,000, the 1999 federal budget doesn't introduce any new measures to halt rising tuition or debt.

Instead, all the money announced for increases to provincial transfer payments is earmarked for health care.

The budget did include \$1.8 billion over three years for industrial programs to improve Canada's research facilities, but most of that money is slated for non-academic institutions such as the Technology Partnership Canada and the Canadian Space Agency.

Of direct interest to researchers at post-secondary institutions is a \$75-million increase to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, \$15 million to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a promise to provide \$55 million for biotechnology research. Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges, said the budget contains good news for post-secondary institutions. "I can understand the concerns of the students, because they would have liked the government to increase the transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education," said Giroux.

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## A View From The Castle

by Charmaine Mayes

I'd like to thank all the candidates for a good, clean election fight. It was nice to see some people out there who want to get involved. Election tallies are in and the new Student Association Vice President Casa Loma is Drew Sauveur. Congratulations Drew. I know you really wanted this, and I know you'll do a great job. I'm only sorry that I won't be here to see it.

That's all I have for you this month. It's been remarkably slow, and I am remarkably tired. Hope you enjoyed your month off, I hope the weather was warm, unless you were in Florida, and then I hope it was rainy season. Now settle down and get to work. We're coming into the home stretch. Just seven weeks to go.



by Bill Ried

To meet with me, please arrange an appointment through an office of the Student Association. In the meantime, here are a few words about a subject that may be of interest to you:

A record under the Young Offenders Act is generally erased automatically. However, the federal government also offers a method by which adult criminal convictions can be removed from your record.

Check out this page again next month for a brief on another topic.

## Our Student Executive

## What can we expect next year?

by Allan Stokell

From the interviews I conducted, one fact seemed to dominate. Our new Executive Members are determined to

Drew Sauveur, Vice President Casa Loma intends to continue the good work done by his predecessor, Garry Brisbois. Better pubs and more pool tournaments

*Editor's Note: Although each successful candidate was given ample opportunity to be photographed and interviewed for this special Dialog story, we regret, as do they, that two of them could not participate.*



## Women's Centres

**International Women's Day**  
On March 6th, Women from George Brown College will be meeting at Convocation Hall for the rally at 11 a.m. and the march following at 12:30. Look for the Banner!!! For more information, contact Kim Leighton at 415-2725 or Margaret Cameron at 415-4038.

## Travel Horror Stories; by those

On August 1, I climbed Mount Fuji. I left the bottom at 5 p.m. so I could see the sunrise from the top. Through the cold rain that fogged my glasses, and darkness and narrow rocky paths, sometimes strewn with large boulders that I precariously swayed on, avoiding the stands selling tempting 7 noodle soups, with aching feet and back, and with the friends I made along the way, we reached the top at 6 a.m. and saw a beautiful sunrise! But, I had to frantically go back down to catch my 2

p.m. bus! At the bottom, to my horror, I realized that I had gone down the back side of Mount Fuji! My bus was at the front side! Kind strangers drove me to the front and happily, I caught my bus!

I was travelling with my companion in Nicaragua, just after the Contra War. We were travelling in a rural area in a very poor part of a very poor country. Even though we were dressed way down, our mere height and skin colour screamed "Gringo!"

Our hotelier for the night gave us a

room with no door lock. He assured us that his countrymen were extremely honest, and after the revolution locks were unnecessary. I suspected they were merely unavailable, but had no reason to distrust our hosts.

For privacy we took to wedging my Swiss Army knife into the door frame, but we were concerned about when we slept. It turned out that not only was this the only hotel in this dusty town, it was also the only brothel. We soon discovered that the walls were made of paper and customers enjoyed lots of loud assurance of their potency.

We thought since we were stuck there for the night, a large nightcap might help us fall asleep while listening to the Fellini-esque carryings-on next door. We managed to obtain a six pack of canned beer I was unfamiliar with. After finishing the contents, we piled them against the door in a pyramid. If the door was opened during the night, the cans would fall and wake us. We slept soundly.

**I** was travelling on a train in north Africa with a number of other Europeans. The first class coach we rode on was made up of three compartments each holding six passengers. A corridor ran down one side of the coach. Anytime you saw one of the "Orient Express" movies is probably familiar with the setup.

The trip began with six passengers in the compartment. Within a few hours the number had dwindled to four, and, as night fell it became three. My fellow travellers were an Italian anarchist and a German fascist. I was aware of their political beliefs, as I observed their reading materials. As the Tunisian border drew nearer, the Italian broke the silence to suggest we smoke some hashish. It was obvious the German did not want to be outdone as she produced a small pipe. The air in the compartment filled with smoke, and paranoia was heightened by the knowledge we were barreling toward border crossing. In this part of the world crossing guards have automatic weapons and sweeping powers. Possession of controlled substances would be deadly. The anarchist had a way of dealing with this. He sat looking out the window at the night terror. Suddenly, he stood up, thanked us for the enjoyable journey and left the compartment. As I was sitting next to the corridor, I observed him leave the compartment, walk along the corridor to the end of the coach. Just as the train slowed for the border, he opened the outside door and jumped off the train. Soon guards were swarming the train asking for passports or other ID. When the guard opened the double doors to ask for our identification, I thought I might piss out. The combination of hashish and possible detention were too much. The guard waved his hand about his head and took our passports. So he returned them. Bless a man with Uzi without a sense of smell.

One summer, I went to the Japanese Alps. I arrived at the youth hostel at 7 p.m. Angriily, the owner told me I was late and gave me \$3 to rush to catch the public bath before it closed. I could not understand his Japanese directions, so I got to the bath, so still angriily, he told me to use the bath at the hostel, except I'd have to use the men's bath.



I robbed the money out of my hand, and he hurriedly had a shower, keeping an eye out for showering men. As I left the shower, I saw that the women's bath that he said was out of service was perfectly fine! The night was hot, so I slept in another room. At 5 a.m., just before my alarm went off, the owner shook me awake! He said he thought I had slept through my alarm! Then, he got mad because I had changed rooms! It was mad that he had shaken me awake! I decided to leave that hostel and before I left, the owner asked me to translate an English article into Japanese, so grumpily, I did. Then, I heard him speaking fine English, when I had been struggling to communicate with him in my ragged Japanese! I will never visit that hostel again!

**M**y wife and I were honeymooning in the south of France. We thought we might like to include Venice in the itinerary, so we drove to the border of Italy. Since Europe is now one country, the border crossing was a breeze. Within a few minutes we realised that we didn't have any Italian Lira and we had no gas for our car. I pulled in to a gas station that displayed the Mastercard® symbol. It was a self-serve, so I filled the tank of our Citroën with benzina. I confidently walked into the station with my Mastercard. My knowledge

Italian is limited. I said "Mastercard" the man said "Si." I offered my credit card. He replied louder "Si!" as he pushed it away. We repeated this a few times. I offered the credit card, he kept yelling "Si!".

I looked at the Mastercard sign and sure enough, also on the sign it said "Si." so what was the problem?

At this point my wife, who has extensive knowledge of Sicilian dialect, and limited Italian came to the rescue.

"You must have a Mastercard with 'Si' on it she said. "They are only issued in Italy", I say. My spouse utters a few words to the clerk and he responds, "He's calling the police" she says. "I'm calling the CAA" (Canadian Automobile Association), I say.

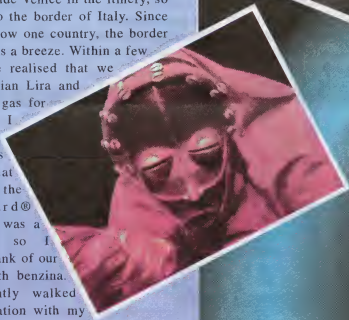
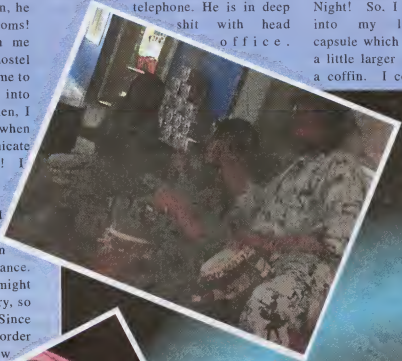
He won't let me use the phone, so we are forced to use a pay phone a few metres down the road. I have a number of the affiliate club in Italy. I don't speak

Italian, the police are coming to impound our vehicle. Our desperate call is answered by a English speaking Italian who has relatives in Toronto. He curses the clerk at the gas station and asks for their phone number. My wife is thoughtful enough to have that information. As we walk back to the gas bar, we can see the attendant on the telephone. He is in deep shit with head office.

Angrily he offers a credit card slip to sign.

One summer, I went to Nagasaki and had no reservations. It was the holiday peak, so in desperation, I found out that there was nothing except a capsule hotel and fortunately it was Ladies Night! So, I slid into my little capsule which was a little larger than a coffin. I could

sit up with a foot of space above my head! I turned on the TV and found nothing but R movies! These businessmen obviously have specific interests! I've never slept in a capsule before, but it really wasn't so bad except for the stale air and people walking past. For \$40 in Japan, you couldn't want much more!



# in the city



**OH CANADA! OUR HOME  
AND NASAL LAND**  
by Boni

1) The Pillsbury® Cookie Ladies: These women douse themselves in that vanilla swirl that's so popular on the market right now. I have no idea why somebody would think that smelling like a food substance is erotic to anyone over the age of six. Even if some adult in a complimentary moment of passion has inadvertently caused this trend I fail to understand why the wearers are wasting enough

What's with this wearing gallons of yak urine to the office? I don't get that at all. WHO do these people wear cologne for? The courier? Any other guy/gal there trying to pick them up would get fired for sexual harassment and anyway, hasn't anyone told them, they aren't there to DANCE

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## sports

by Melanie Denheyer

### The Men's Volleyball Tea

through a tough season. However, despite the struggle, team members continued to work hard, improve and keep their spirits high throughout the year. The Huskie squad finished the season strong, going 5 sets in a close loss to Royal Military College. Scores were: 5-15, 6-15, 15-10, 15-6 and 12-15. The Men's Program hosted GBC's Annual Girl's High School Tournament and continued the tradition of a first class show, as the tourney proved to be a great experience for everyone involved.

The Lady Huskies hosted the 4th Annual

GBC Indoor Soccer Tournament on Saturday, February 13th at Clairier Soccer Centre. The Women had 4 tough battles in a very strong pool. Scores were: GBC vs. Humber, 1-5; GBC vs. Conestoga Alumni, 0-3; GBC vs. Redeemer, 0-1; and GBC vs. Waterloo University, 1-2. The experience of GBC's Alumni Team was evident in their play as they dazzled the crowd advancing from their pool with only 1 goal against. They kicked it off against Conestoga Alumni for the championship. The Huskie Alumni's proved to be the top of the class, prevailing 4-1. Overall, the tournament was a great display of talent from all ten participating teams.

The Men's Team co-hosted w

Women in Scarborough for the 6th Annual Invitational. Ten teams participated in an action-packed day of exciting play and tough competition. GBC came out with 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. Scores were: GBC vs Centennial, 3-3; GBC vs St. Lawrence, 3-2; GBC vs Niagara, 2-3; and GBC vs Ryerson, 2-1. Despite an impressive performance, the Men failed to qualify for the championship game. Centennial and Conestoga advanced from their respective pools to face off for the title. Conestoga's incredible defensive effort lead them to a 3-0 win to be crowned the champs. The soccer program looks forward to next year's competition upholding the tradition of great play and sportsmanship.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Huskie Men went on an overnight road trip to Kingston on the weekend. They faced off against R.M.C. on Friday, winning in convincing fashion, 90-56. On Saturday the Huskie Men had the game of the season on the line. They tipped off against St. Lawrence (K) who were tied with the Huskies for first place in the East Division. The team proved to be unfazed by the crowd and came up on top, 97-73, to take soul possession of first place. The Huskies continued their winning streak against Sir Sanford Fleming, winning, 100-55. George Brown is presently ranked 11th in the country and expected to continue rising up to the challenge as they make their way into the playoffs. Roger Nurse and Paul Charah are in the chase for the scoring title, averaging 19.6 and 15.8 points per game, respectively. Guards, Walred Balcher and Raymond Morgan are delivering the passes to Nate Hogan and Marc Madramootoo who are finding their scoring touch just in time. Jason Dawkins continues to slash through any defense and the rest of the Huskie squad comes off the bench in blazing fashion. Catch your Huskies in action at the OCAA championships! Games will be held at Mohawk College from March 4th to March 6th.

The Women capped off their r

The Women capped off their regional season at home in the St. James gymnasium with a motivating win over Seneca, 38-31, on Friday. The Lady Huskies finished with 8 wins and 8 losses, with impressive performances against some of the top teams in the region. The Women proceeded to the quarterfinals with a chance to proceed to the OCAA championships, which will be held at Durham College on March 5th and 6th. They enter the post season with a lot of confidence and the team hopes to catch their opponents off guard. Support your Huskies in action!

The Huskie Dancers accompanied the

The Huskie Dancers accompanied the Men's Basketball Team, on the road to the top in Kingston. At R.M.C. they performed a groovy and gutsy interpretation of "Where The Ladies At". It was a halftime performance the Brockville won't soon forget. On Saturday, the team showed St. Lawrence

(K) that George Brown College has more than just basketball. The dancers pumped up the crowd in a defining and emotional game. Spectators enjoyed the performance and GBC continues to rapidly build a reputation for its Cheer and Dance Program. The team will be performing in Hamilton at Mohawk Mountain Gym during the Men's OCAA championships. Come on out and cheer your Huskies as they rock the show!

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Regional Badminton Championships at St. James Campus gymnasium on the sixth floor. In the Men's Singles Competition, Fred Pourzansani took home 1st place with an undefeated record of 6-0. On the Women's side, the duo of Sarah Devoe and Lan Nguay had a great performance in a 2nd place effort. The Huskie Swingers placed 3rd in the overall team results and gained great experience throughout the weekend. Best of luck goes out to all players who will travel to Cambrian for the OCAA Badminton Championship!

## George Brown's Athletics Department

needed a name for the school mascot with the coming of the New Year. The contest ran for 2 weeks with enormous participation from all campuses.

Together, students from Casa Loma, Nightingale and St. James tallied over 150 votes for the Huskie name. A committee of 5 people voted on the entries and decided that the name GEORGE B was both suitable and unique. Congratulations to Roxanne Chin-Choy from the General Arts and Sciences program who won first prize.

Roxanne will enjoy an Adidas tracksuit for her school spirit!

### The Athletics Dept.

The Athletics Department and Student Life Association are hosting the 5th Annual Talent Trek on Tuesday March 30th, 1999. If you have a hidden talent that you're just itching to show off, register for an audition by March 17th and make yourself eligible for up to \$300 in prize money. Admission is \$1.00 or a non-perishable food item. So check it out or become involved in YOUR SCHOOL'S TALENT TREK '99 !!!

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| Feelings of sadness       | <input type="checkbox"/> | yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | no |
| Difficulty sleeping       | <input type="checkbox"/> |     | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |
| Loss of energy            | <input type="checkbox"/> |     | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |
| Weight loss/gain          | <input type="checkbox"/> |     | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |
| Difficulty thinking       | <input type="checkbox"/> |     | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |
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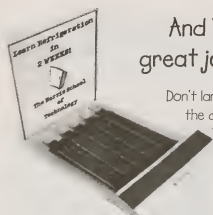
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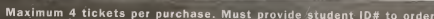
In the mean time start asking some hard questions out there. If we don't we'll all be working at a coffee shop just like the lady on the poster.



## A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, likely at a sporting event or a public gathering. In the center, a man in a light-colored shirt is cheering with his arms raised high, holding a small cup. To his left, another man is also cheering, holding a cup. In the foreground, a man in a dark suit and tie is looking towards the right, and a woman in a light-colored jacket is smiling and looking upwards. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and celebration. The text "BUT AT OSAP PRICES!" is overlaid at the bottom of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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